

# Certificate of Independent Price Determination

Both the school food authority (SFA) and the food service management company (FSMC) (offeror) shall execute this Certificate of Independent Price Determination.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of the FSMC

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of the SFA

**A. By submission of this offer, the offeror certifies and in the case of a joint offer, each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, that in connection with this procurement:**

- (1) The prices in this offer have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other offeror or with any competitor;
- (2) Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this offer has not been knowingly disclosed by the offeror and will not knowingly be disclosed by the offeror prior to opening in the case of an advertised procurement, or prior to award in the case of a negotiated procurement, directly or indirectly to any other offeror or to any competitor; and
- (3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the offeror to induce any person or firm to submit or not to submit, an offer for the purpose of restricting competition.

**B. Each person signing this offer on behalf of the FSMC certifies that:**

- (1) He or she is the person in the offeror's organization responsible within the Organization for the decision as to the prices being offered herein and has not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to (A)(1) through (A)(3) above; or
- (2) He or she is not the person in the offeror's organization responsible within the organization for the decision as to the prices being offered herein, but that he or she has been authorized in writing to act as agent for the persons responsible for such decision in certifying that such persons have not participated and will not participate, in any action contrary to (A)(1) through (A)(3) above, and as their agent does hereby so certify; and he or she has not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to (A)(1) through (A)(3) above.

**To the best of my knowledge, this FSMC, its affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, directors, and employees are not currently under investigation by any governmental agency and have not in the last three years been convicted or found liable for any act prohibited by state or federal law in any jurisdiction, involving conspiracy or collusion with respect to bidding on any public contract, except as follows:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of FSMC's authorized representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**In accepting this offer, the SFA certifies that no representative of the SFA has taken any action, which may have jeopardized the independence of the offer referred to above.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of SFA's authorized representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Note:** Accepting a bidder's offer does not constitute acceptance of the contract.

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For information on food service management companies, visit the Connecticut State Department of Education's [Food Service Management Company](#) webpage or contact the CSDE's [FSMC staff](#) at the Connecticut State Department of Education, Bureau of Child Nutrition Programs, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 504, Hartford, CT 06103-1841.

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